

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace currently pending Claims 1 and 2 with amended Claims 1 and 2, which are set forth in the enclosed Appendix F. (Appendix G, which is enclosed herewith, shows how currently pending Claims 1 and 2 were amended to produce amended Claims 1 and 2 in Appendix F. In Appendix G, the portions being added are underlined; and the portions being deleted are enclosed in brackets.)

Please add new Claims 39-79, which are set forth in the enclosed Appendix H.

Please cancel currently pending Claim 19 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Hereinafter, the claims that are pending prior to the entry of the amendments in this response are called "currently pending claims." This response amends currently pending Claims 1 and 2, adds new Claims 39-79, and cancels currently pending Claim 19. Upon amendment, the above-identified U.S. patent application will have seven independent claims (amended Claim 1 and currently pending Claims 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19) and 78 total claims (amended Claims 1 and 2, currently pending Claims 3-18 and 20-38, and new Claims 39-79). The Applicants previously paid for seven independent claims and 38 total claims. Therefore, a fee of \$720.00 is due for 40